

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LASSEN COUNTY'S EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section One: Section 11.14.010 of the Lassen County Code is amended to read:

“ 11.14.010 Purposes.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide:

- A. For the preparation and carrying out of plans for the protection of persons and property within this county in the event an emergency; and
- B. The direction of the county emergency organization; and
- C. The coordination of the emergency functions of this county with all other public agencies, corporations, and affected private persons.”

Section Two: Section 11.14.020 of the Lassen County Code is amended to read:

“11.14.020 Definition.

As used in the ordinance codified in this chapter, “local emergency” shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Government Code section 8558(c).”

Section Three: Section 11.14.030 of the Lassen County Code is amended to read:

“11.14.030 Disaster Council Membership.

The Lassen County Disaster Council is created and shall be composed of the following:

- (1) The Chair of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors (who shall serve as chair of the Disaster Council); and
- (2) The Director of Emergency Services, or his/her designee (who shall serve as vice-chair of the Disaster Council); and
- (3) The Sheriff of Lassen County, or his/her designee; and
- (4) The Susanville City Fire Chief, or his/her designee; and
- (5) The Lassen County Administrative Officer, or his/her designee.”

Section Four: Section 11.14.060 of the Lassen County Code is amended to read:

“11.14.060 Powers and Duties of Sheriff, Director of Emergency Services, and Assistant Director

(a) The Sheriff and Director are individually empowered to:

(1) Request the board of supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the board of supervisors is in session, or to issue such proclamation if the board of supervisors is not in session. Whenever a local emergency is proclaimed, the board of supervisors shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect;

(2) Recommend that the chair of the board of supervisors request the governor to proclaim a state of emergency when, in the opinion of the director, the locally available resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency;

(3) Control and direct the effort of the emergency organization of this county for the accomplishment of the purposes of the ordinance codified in this chapter;

(4) Promote cooperation between and coordination of services and staff of the emergency organization of this county; and attempt to resolve questions of authority and responsibility that may arise between them (reserving to elected officials the autonomy of their constitutional authority);

(5) Represent this county in all dealings with public or private agencies on matters pertaining to emergencies as defined in this chapter;

(6) In the event of the proclamation of a local emergency as provided in this chapter, the proclamation of a state emergency by the governor or the director of the State Office of Emergency Services, or the existence of a state of war emergency, the sheriff and director are individually empowered to:

(A) To make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency. Provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the board of supervisors,

(B) To obtain vital supplies, equipment, and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of life and property, and to bind the county for the value thereof, and if required immediately, to commandeer the same for public use,

(C) To require emergency services of any county officer or employee, and in the event of the proclamation of a state of emergency in the county or the existence of a state of war emergency, to command the aid of as many citizens of this county as he or she deems necessary in the execution of his or her duties. Such persons shall be entitled to all privileges, benefits and immunities as are provided by state law for registered disaster service workers,

(D) To requisition necessary personnel or material of any county department or agency, and

(E) To execute all of his or her ordinary power conferred upon him or her by the ordinance codified in this chapter, or by resolution or emergency plan pursuant hereto adopted by the board of supervisors, all powers conferred upon him or her by any statute, by any agreement approved by the board of supervisors, and by any other lawful authority.

(b) The director of emergency services shall designate the order of succession to that office, to take effect in the event the director is unavailable to attend meetings and otherwise perform his or her duties during an emergency. Such order of succession shall be approved by the board of supervisors.

(c) The assistant director/emergency services chief shall, under the supervision of the director and with the assistance of emergency services staff, develop emergency plans and manage the emergency programs of this county; and he or she shall have such power and duties as may be assigned by the director.”

Section Five: This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its date of final adoption. It shall be published in the Lassen County Times, a newspaper of general circulation in Lassen County, within fifteen (15) days of final adoption.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:  
JULIE BUSTAMANTE  
Clerk of the Board

I, SUSAN OSGOOD, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen  
Board of Supervisors